

In re Application of:

AKIRA FUNAKOSHI, ET AL.

Appln. No.: 08/801,464

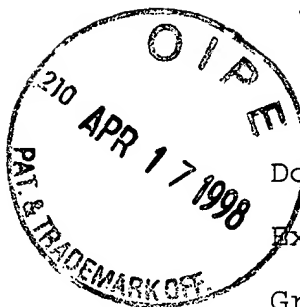
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-referenced application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$11 \$22	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	= 0	x \$41 \$82	0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims \$135/\$270						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$ 0.00

☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the extension fee for response within _____ months is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 19, 1998, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 18 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, 14, and 18 being independent.

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Official Action, Applicants provisionally elect Group III (Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 through 12) with traverse, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement. Applicants respectfully note that several claims, including independent Claims 1 and 11, appear in each

of Groups I through III, and respectfully request that at least dependent Claim 5, or at least Groups I and II, if not all of the other claims, be examined together with the elected group. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims could be searched by one Examiner without undue effort. Applicants also respectfully believe that it is not mandatory to make a restriction requirement in every possible situation. Applicants respectfully believe that if one Examiner acts on all of the claims of the present application, overall examining time will be less than if multiple Examiners are involved. Applicants also earnestly believe that the examination of all of the claims by one Examiner in the present application will best ensure uniform prosecution quality. Therefore, in the interest of prosecution economy of time and quality for both the Office and Applicants, Applicants respectfully submit that withdrawal of the restriction requirement in this application is appropriate.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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Respectfully submitted,

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